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Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project which is currently studying where to build a proposed 500 kilovolt transmission line. While I believe it is important we add transmission capacity and keep our power grid stable so that we can all continue to count on our electricity -- even when demand is at its highest, I will continue to urge the BPA to approach the transmission line project with concern for the residents who live nearby. Most of all, the process needs to be fair for the affected property owners.

I have remained in communication with the BPA and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), urging them to work together to consider building the line across lands owned by the DNR. This would lead to the proposed transmission line affecting fewer residents in North and East Clark County and South Cowlitz County.

The response of citizens across Clark and Cowlitz counties has been overwhelming since the start of this project. The articulate expression of your concerns -- through letters, e-mails, phone calls, in-person discussions, and many town halls -- has made an impact on me and, I'm certain, on the project's coordinators at the BPA. I encourage you to continue to express your thoughts on this project as the BPA works through the process of evaluating the potential routes for this transmission line.

Thank you again for your interest this important issue. I will continue to follow the situation and do what I am able to limit the impacts to the homeowners of Cowlitz and Clark counties. Please visit my website at <http://houserepublicans.wa.gov/Herrera> for additional information, and don't hesitate to contact my office at any time if I can be of assistance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaime Herrera".

Jaime Herrera
State Representative